

MC1(SW/AW) Molly A. Burgess,
Commander, Navy Region Mid-Atlantic (CNRMA)

Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Burgess was born in Grants Pass, Ore., and raised throughout the West Coast from California to Washington State. She graduated from La Center High School in Wash., June 1995 and entered the U.S. Navy attending basic training in Great Lakes November 1996.

After completing a two-week Seaman Apprenticeship training course upon graduation, she reported to Amphibious Construction Battalion One in San Diego, Calif., as an undesignated seaman where she struck Photographer's Mate and advancing to 3rd class June 1999.

Her follow-on orders were to USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) in Bremerton, Wash., August 1999 where she worked in the photo lab for a year before reporting to PSD Kitsap for a maternity tour. In October 2001, she reported to VISUPCEN-Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico for a two and a half-year tour where she provided photographic support for the entire base, to include documentation of autopsies, crime scenes, aerial photography and combat photography.

In transit to her next assignment to USS Enterprise (CVN 65), she attended a four-month "C" school at DINFOS in Fort Meade, Md., earning an NEC in video. On board CVN-65, she served as departmental Production LPO and Video Production Supervisor. After completing a two and a half-year tour to include a World Tour and becoming the first Media Department in the Navy following the Mass Communication Specialist merger, she transferred to Defense Media Activity (DMA)-Washington D.C.

During her DMA tour, she worked as Secretary of Defense Robert Gates' photographer in the Pentagon where she documented his interactions with senior executives from the executive and legislative branches of the federal government as well as OSD, DOD senior leaders, Heads of State, Ministers of Defense and Foreign Dignitaries.

After a three-year tour, she reported to NPASE-East where she served as Operations LPO and Production LPO. She deployed as the Public Affairs LPO for Joint Warrior aboard USS Stout (DDG 55) and USS Bainbridge (DDG 96) and as NPASE's SEAOPDET LPO and the ship's Media Dept. ALPO and Broadcast Supervisor aboard USS George H.W. Bush (CVN 77) during the ship's inaugural deployment.

In December 2012, she reported to NAVREG MIDLANT where she serves as the Editor of the Navy's largest official, weekly newspaper, The Flagship.

Since her short time on board, she has been awarded NAVREG MIDLANT's Staff 2013 SOY, SSOQ (3rd quarter), selected as the Navy's top photojournalist in the photo/photojournalism category of the 2012 CHINFO Media Awards, recognized by the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce at the Fall Military Recognition Reception, and nominated for the 2013 Military Citizen of the Year Award.

Her personal awards include the Joint Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (five awards), Good Conduct Medal (five awards), and various other personal and service awards.

